

to this Article may be kept by the county or disposed of pursuant to G.S. 121-5.

(d) If an instrument, document, or other paper received by the register of deeds is reproduced pursuant to this Article, the recording of the reproduction is a sufficient recording for all purposes.

(e) A reproduction, made pursuant to this Article, of an instrument, document, paper, or other record is as admissible in evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding as the original itself, whether the original is extant or not. An enlargement or other facsimile of the reproduction is also admissible in evidence if the original reproduction is extant and available for inspection under the direction of the court or administrative agency.

(f) The provisions of this section shall apply to records stored on any form of permanent, computer-readable media, such as a CD-ROM, if the medium is not subject to erasure or alteration. The provisions shall not apply to magnetic tape, CD-R, or CD-RW."

Section 5. G.S. 160A-490 reads as rewritten:

"§ 160A-490. Photographic reproduction of records.

(a) General Statutes 153A-436 shall apply to cities. When a county officer is designated by title in that Article, the designation shall be construed to mean the appropriate city officer, and the city council shall perform powers and duties conferred and imposed on the board of county commissioners.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section shall apply to records stored on any form of permanent, computer-readable media, such as a CD-ROM, if the medium is not subject to erasure or alteration. The provisions shall not apply to magnetic tape, CD-R, or CD-RW."

Section 6. This act becomes effective December 1, 1999, with Sections 1, 2, and 3 applying to proceedings in the courts of this State pending on or after that date.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 24th day of May, 1999.

Became law upon approval of the Governor at 4:00 p.m. on the 4th day of June, 1999.

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SESSION LAW 1999-132

AN ACT TO REPEAL OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY LAWS AND MAKE TECHNICAL AND CLARIFYING AMENDMENTS AND CORRECTIONS IN VARIOUS INSURANCE STATUTES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. REPEAL OF OBSOLETE OR UNNECESSARY PROVISIONS.

Section 1.1. G.S. 58-3-125, 58-6-10, and 58-71-90 are repealed.

Section 1.2. G.S. 58-87-10(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Revenue Source. -- Revenue is credited to the Workers' Compensation Fund from appropriations made to the Department of Insurance for this purpose. In addition, every eligible unit that elects to participate shall pay into the Fund an amount set annually by the State Fire and Rescue Commission to ensure that the Fund will be able to meet its